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Ukrainian-Canadian Genealogy

As part of UGG-NCR's collaboration with the Nashi Predky Ukrainian Family History Group from New Jersey, the UGG Board developed a one-hour presentation last June focusing on the 3 waves of Ukrainian immigration to Canada with a representative sample of key resources that genealogists could use in researching their Ukrainian-Canadian ancestry.

We decided to kickoff our 2019-2020 UGG season by showing a video of this presentation to our members at our September meeting.



Our September Presentation

The 1st Wave (1891-1920) of immigration focused on the growing impoverishment in the Austro-Hungarian & Russian Empires as well as oppressive governments and military conscription as key “push” factors influencing Ukrainians to leave their homeland. During this time, the Canadian government sought to settle Western Canada with immigrants who could farm under difficult conditions and recruited farmers from several countries including Galicia and Bukovina. Life was extremely harsh – the growing season was short and there

was no government assistance. Newcomers had to rely on family and community support as well as part-time work in other industries.

The 2nd wave (1920-1939) similarly saw political, military, and economic uncertainty in Post-WWI Europe prompting Ukrainians to seek a better life in the West. Although some Prairie land remained to be settled, immigration increasingly focused on Eastern Canada in the growing cities as well as in the mining/forestry communities in the North. Despite economic growth in the early years, the Great Depression limited opportunities for immigrants in the 30s.

World War II created another wave of refugees and political exiles who were sent as forced labourers to work in Germany during the war. After the war, the 3rd Wave of immigration (1945-1954) saw many displaced persons seeking to leave Europe as a best alternative. The Canadian Government decided to allow Displaced Persons to immigrate to Canada under the ‘Bulk Labour Scheme’ as contractors on condition that they worked in designated industries for a year.

The presentation provided an overview of various Canadian genealogical resources which genealogists could use including various Library and Archives Canada resources. The talk also contrasted the Ukrainian immigration experience between Canada and the USA.

This year, the UGG is trialing new approaches such as webinars & remote presenters to expand our base of speakers as well as to allow remote attendance. This pre-recorded presentation as well as the live October presentation on Ukrainian-Americans by Mike Buryk from Pennsylvania are the first steps. More to come..

Triennial UCC Congress (Oct 31 – Nov 3)

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) represents the Ukrainian Canadian community before the people and Government of Canada, promotes linkages with Ukraine and identifies and addresses the needs of the Ukrainian community in Canada to ensure its continued existence and development for the enhancement of Canada's socio-cultural fabric.

The UCC's **Triennial Congress of Ukrainian Canadians** is the policy forum where the leadership of the Ukrainian Canadian community is elected for the next three years and where the priorities for the community are discussed and decided.

For more information about the schedule of events, speakers, and other details about the Congress, consult the webpage: <https://congress.ucc.ca/> . Registration is still open for the Congress at: <https://congress.ucc.ca/registration/>.

3-Day Danyliw 2019 Seminar (Nov 7-9)

The 15th Annual Danyliw Seminar organized by the Chair of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Ottawa, is unveiling an ambitious program devoted to current research and new books on Ukraine

The Seminar, featuring 20 presentations/panels and a special panel on the anniversary of the Seminar, will bring together 30 scholars or doctoral students -- 25 from outside Canada (9 from Ukraine), and 17 attending for the first time, a testimony of the vibrancy of the field of Ukrainian Studies.

All the Seminar sessions will be held in Room 12102 of the Desmarais Building (DMS), 55 Laurier Ave., on University of Ottawa campus. A map of University of Ottawa campus – with the DMS location – can be accessed at <http://maps.uottawa.ca>.

An opening reception will be held on Thursday, November 7, at 7.00 PM in Desmarais 12102, after the special panel on the 15 Years of the Danyliw Seminar. All are cordially invited.

The Seminar will have an extensive presence on the web. All presentations will be filmed and uploaded on the Seminar web site (<https://danyliwseminar.com>). The Seminar papers will also be available on the website during the event.

For real time updates, go and like the Seminar's Facebook page <https://bit.ly/311MIBK> . The program is online at: <https://www.danyliwseminar.com/program-2019>

Book Donation to UGG Library

We wish to thank Terry Gnesko for his generous donation of the book "*My Father's Store and Other Stories*" by Mary Ann Lichacz-Karwatsky. As you may recall Mary Ann gave an entertaining reading from this book at the recent Capital Ukrainian Festival.

Community Events

Nov 3, Sun 3:00pm

Crossroads Concert

A unique musical journey through nearly four centuries performed by the Canadian Bandurist Capella at the Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, 1000 Byron Ave. Tickets available at the door: Adults \$25, Students \$15, Children under 12 free. For information call (647) 229-9531

Nov 9, Sat

Ukrainian Harvest Dance

Liturgy 4:45 pm, Cocktails 6:00 pm, Supper 7:00 pm (traditional Ukrainian dinner), Dance 9:00 pm (live band FIESTA). St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine, 952 Green Valley Cres. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus St Vladimir the Great Council 9557. Major beneficiary : The ROYAL-DIFD (Do It For Daron) Foundation

Tickets \$40.00 each, advance sale only, tickets will not be sold at the door. Contact Mike Jaz (613) 830-7787 nick.jaz@sympatico.ca and Paul Kozak (613) 224-9551 paulkozak@primus.ca